

Solon Says Nixon Can't Recover

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Donald Young, R-Alaska, said yesterday President Nixon "can never recover" from Watergate even if he survives the impeachment process.

"I don't think the public will ever give him the mandate he received" in 1972, he said.

At the same time Young stressed that "Congress has got to become the leader." The freshman lawmaker criticized Congress for "too long abdication its responsibility" to the President.

Young said that so far, Congress has not been able to grasp the fact that the public is as disappointed in its performance as in the President's.

"It's time for the public to get on our backs," he said.

Young again stressed his opposition to calls for President Nixon's resignation, saying it "would be the easy way out."

He said that if Nixon is "guilty, he should be (impeached) and prosecuted."

The congressman said he has not made up his mind on the impeachment question, and won't until all the evidence is presented to the full House by the House Judiciary Committee.

Young said he has read portions of the 1,300-page Watergate transcript released by Nixon two weeks ago. Unlike many of his Republican colleagues, Young said he was

not shocked by the contents.

"I'm not shocked, but I'm not happy either," he said.

The lawmaker noted that "the inference of guilt (by Nixon) is there," but added, there are many gray areas that demand absolute evidence proving guilt.

"I'm not going to judge (the President's guilt) on the transcripts but on what the (judiciary) committee presents to the House," he stressed.

Much of the shock coming from the released transcript, Young noted, is caused by the tendency to place the

President on a very high pedestal.

"For some reason, the American people have a tendency to put the President in a White House on a white steed, wearing a white suit," he said.

Young stressed that he wasn't excusing the President.

Young Asks Federal Water Funds

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, today requested federal water utility impact funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development

In a letter to James T. Lynn, secretary of the department, Young said the boom of the pipeline has caused "a dramatic increase of job-seekers on a relatively small population."

Young said one of the most critical problems facing Anchorage is water utility expansion.

The utility will be forced to spend \$10,625,000 by 1976 for wells, dams and related improvements, said Young.

"The city simply does not have the

financial capabilities to meet this impact," he said. "As it now stands, they have applied for a State grant to meet 25 per cent of the funding and they plan to meet 25 per cent of the funding on local bonds, which leaves a need for 50 per cent funding at the federal level. This would amount to \$5,562,500.

The Department of the Interior projects the impact on the Anchorage community alone in the first 30 months of construction to be an additional 24,000 people. Speaking in terms of comparative growth rates, this will add 20 per cent to the city's population almost overnight," he said.

Young asked Secretary Lynn to explore the possibility of federal funds.

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